

January 24, 2021 - Third Sunday After Epiphany

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YOU ARE THE BEAUTY
(written by Michael Gungor, arranged by Brad Jefford)

Refrain

You are the beauty
You are the light
You are the love, love of mine

Love, love, love of mine
You have caused the sun to shine on us
Music fills our ears
Flavors kiss our lips with love divine

Refrain

Love, love, love of mine
You have caused the sun to shine on us
Breath and sex and sight
All things made for good in love divine

Refrain

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Love, Love of mine
Love, Love of mine.

Gathering of the Community

In the beginning before time, before people, before the world began,
God was.

Here and now, among us, beside us, enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven,
God is.

In the future, when we have turned to dust and all we know has found its fulfillment,
God will be.

Not denying the world, but delighting in it, not condemning the world, but redeeming it, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,
God was, God is, God will be.

Let us pray,

Lord Jesus Christ, with those you called by the lakeside, may we follow you, proclaiming the reign of God, and sharing your mission to bring good news to all; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

In you, gracious God, the widowed find a carer, the orphaned find a parent, the fearful find a friend.

In you, the wounded find a healer, the penitent find a pardoner, the burdened find a counsellor.

In you, the miserly find a beggar, the despondent find a laughter-maker, the legalist find a rule-breaker.

In you, Jesus Christ, we meet our maker, and our match.

And if some need to say, "help me"

And if some need to say, "Save me"

And if some need to say, "Hold me"

And if some need to say, "forgive me"

Then let these be said now in confidence by us.

Silence

O Christ, in whose hear is both welcome and warning, say to us, do to us, reveal within us the things that will make us whole. And we will wait and we will praise you. **Amen.**

FOLLOW ME (Written by Ray Repp, Arranged by Brad Jefford)

Refrain

***Follow me to the sea, where I first called your name.
We didn't know each other so, but I called and you came.
Remember we promised our love wouldn't end.
We'd gather all people and love them as friends.
My spirit will be with you to light up your way,
I love you, what more can I say.***

**Since the dawn of all time have I known,
Your love would be with me and always be shown.
In the love and the care you continue to give,
To all of my people who live. *Refrain***

**Even when you have doubt or have fear,
Remember I love you and know I am near.
I'd be willing to give up my life once again,
To show you that I am your friend. *Refrain***

Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from the Book of Jonah

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. JONAH 3:1-5, 10

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

Sermon

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the breaking in of God's kingdom
in our world today.

Lord God,
Because Jesus has taught us to trust you in all things,
We hold to his word and share his plea:
Your kingdom come, your will be done.

Where nations budget for war,
While Christ says, 'Put up your sword':
Your kingdom come, your will be done.

Where countries waste food and covet fashion,
While Christ says, 'I was hungry...I was thirsty...':
Your kingdom come, your will be done.

Where powerful governments
Claim their policies are heaven blessed,
While scripture states
That God helps the powerless:
Your kingdom come, your will be done.

Where Christians seek the kingdom
In the shape of their own church,
As if Christ had come to build
And not to break barriers:
Your kingdom come, your will be done.

Where women who speak up for their dignity
Are treated with scorn or contempt:
Your kingdom come, your will be done.

Where men try hard to be tough,
Because they're afraid to be tender:
Your kingdom come, your will be done.

Where we, obsessed with being adult,
Forget to become like children:
Your kingdom come, your will be done.

Where our prayers falter,
Our faith weakens,
Our light grows dim:
Your kingdom come, your will be done.

Where Jesus Christ calls us:
Your kingdom come, your will be done.

Lord God,
You have declared that your kingdom is among us.
Open our ears to hear it,
Our hands to serve it,
Our hearts to hold it.
This we pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

The Peace

My sisters and brothers in Christ, the peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us share a sign of peace with those who are viewing with us today.

Blessing

What does the Lord require? That we do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God.

And now may the blessing of God the Father, God the son and God the Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. Amen.

DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE

(Written by Gordon White, arranged by Brad Jefford)

Refrain

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.

***Let this be our song, no one stands alone, standing side by side,
draw the circle wide.***

**God the still-point of the circle, 'round whom all creation turns;
Nothing lost, but held forever, in God's gracious arms. *Refrain***

**Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call. *Refrain***

**Let the dreams we dream be larger, than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door. *Refrain***

Dismissal

**The worship has ended, the service begins. Go in peace to love and serve
the Lord.**

Thanks be to God.